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FDR: THE ORIGINAL "100 DAYS"

The source of the term "100 days" in American politics comes not from FDR's first days in office, but from the 73rd Congress's first hundred days in 1933.¹ FDR called a Special Session for March 9, 1933, five days after his Inauguration. The Special Session lasted for exactly one hundred days, ending on June 16th, 1933. Note that FDR was the last President to take office on March 4th -- not, as with subsequent Presidents, on January 20th.

The chronology of the original hundred days is as follows:

- 3/4/33 Inauguration of FDR
- 3/5/33 Proclamation of four-day "bank holiday," effective 3/6/33. Exports of gold, silver, and currency are embargoed.

 Summons Congress to Special Session on 3/9/33.
- 3/9/33 **"Hundred Days" Begins.**

 In the first day of the Special Session, Congress passes the Emergency Banking Act. Banks are permitted to open on 3/10/33, provided they can show solvency.
- 3/12/33 First "Fireside Chat."
- 3/20/33 FDR signs the Economy Act, reducing the salaries of Federal employees and payments to veterans. The Act also reorganizes some Federal agencies.
- 3/22/33 In anticipation of repeal of the 18th Amendment, Congress passes the Beer and Wine Revenue Act, permitting sale of beer and wine with 3.2% alcohol. FDR had attached a tax on both.
- 3/31/33 Reforestation Relief Act establishes the Civilian Conservation Corp.
- 4/19/33 Proclamation removing the U.S. from the gold standard.
- 4/21/33 FDR meets with Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald on forthcoming London Economic Conference

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¹ See attached definition of "Hundred Days" from Safire's Political Dictionary, by William Safire (New York, 1978).

5/12/33 Congress passes the Federal Emergency Relief Act authorizing immediate grants to the states for relief projects.

FDR signs the Agricultural Adjustment Act, establishing parity pricing and subsidies to farmers who curtailed production of certain surplus crops. The Agricultural Adjustment Administration is established, which was to be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1936.

5/18/33 Tennessee Valley Authority established.

5/27/33 Federal Securities Act passed, requiring registration of stocks and bonds.

6/6/33 National Employment System Act passed, creating a U.S. Employment Service to provide matching grants to state employment agencies.

6/13/33 Home Owners Refinancing Act passed, setting up the Home Owners Loan Corporation.

6/16/33 **"Hundred Days" ends**

National Industrial Recovery Act signed, establishing the Public Works Administration and the National Recovery Administration. The Supreme Court declared the NRA unconstitutional in 1935.

The Farm Credit Act passed.

The Banking Act of 1933 passed, establishing the Federal Bank Deposit Insurance Corporation.

SOURCE: The Almanac of American History, ed., Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. (New York, 1983)

was to the inability of Nixon's aides to put together the Nixon presidency after the cracks of Watergate appeared.

A related term, opposite in meaning, is *Mickey Mouse*, used when any candidate chosen to run could beat the unpopular opponent (see **LAUNDRY TICKET**). This phrase is also used to mean "inadequate" in more general terms; Roy Innes, director of the Congress of Racial Equality, told a CBS interviewer on June 30, 1968: "I am disgusted with the Mickey Mouse welfare programs . . ."

For the political use of related characters, see **TWEEDLEDUM AND TWEEDLEDEE**.

HUNDRED DAYS most often applied to the productive special session of Congress summoned by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 to cope with the Depression.

The historical parallel to FDR's Hundred Days was Napoleon's escape from Elba and his triumphant march across Europe that finally culminated in disaster at Waterloo. The time span between Napoleon's escape and abdication, however, was 116 days; the hundred days was applied to Louis XVIII's absence from Paris beginning March 20, 1815, as Napoleon arrived, to June 28, when the King returned in state after Napoleon's defeat. The Count de Chambord, prefect of Paris, coined the phrase: "A hundred days, sire, have elapsed since the fatal moment when your Majesty was forced to quit your capital in the midst of tears." When used in reference to that period, the phrase has now come to mean the time of Napoleon's return rather than the King's exile.

Roosevelt's Hundred Days were equally eventful. During the period from March 9 to June 16—exactly

one hundred days—the 73rd Congress enacted such milestone legislation as vast public works and relief measures, guarantees of bank deposits, and tighter federal regulation of the banks, agricultural subsidies, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and others.

"The legislative record it set," wrote Raymond Moley, one of FDR's brain trusters, "the impression it created on the public, its impact upon the economy of the nation, and the incredible speed with which important legislation was planned, considered, proposed and enacted has no parallel in the earlier history of the Republic. Nor has there been any parallel since, except under the exigencies of the war that began eight years later." Not even Lyndon Johnson's 89th Congress was comparable, said Moley, because much of its program "had been inherited from the Kennedy years" or were traceable to the Roosevelt era.

While John F. Kennedy was working on his inaugural address, Theodore Sorensen wrote in *Kennedy*, the late President at one point said impatiently, "I'm sick of reading how we're planning another 'Hundred Days' of miracles. Let's put in that this won't all be finished in a hundred days or a thousand." His finished speech thus read: "All this will not be finished in the first hundred days. Nor will it be finished in the first thousand days, nor in the life of this Administration, nor even perhaps in our lifetime on this planet. But let us begin." Historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., chose *A Thousand Days*—the approximate length of the Kennedy Administration—as the title of his history of the period. See **"LET US CONTINUE."**

Britain's Harold Wilson was less reluctant to exploit what had become

a cliché. "What we are going to need," he said during his successful 1964 campaign to lead Labour to power and himself to the prime ministership, "is something like what President Kennedy had after years of stagnation—a program of a hundred days of dynamic action."

HUNDRED FLOWERS a governing doctrine that permits open disagreement within an Administration. In 1957 Mao Tse-tung made a speech that appeared to embrace a sweet reason: "Ideological struggle is not like other forms of struggle. Crude, coercive methods should not be used in this struggle, but only the method of painstaking reasoning. He went on to use a vivid metaphor: "Let a hundred flowers blossom, a hundred schools of thought contend."

However, when the flowers blossomed, they were ruthlessly chopped down. Historian Sidney Hook wrote: "The Communist Party loose in other fierce campaign of purges, suppression, branding these flowers as poisonous weeds must be chopped down." *People's Daily*, four months after Mao's speech, completed the metaphor: "Only by letting poisonous weeds show themselves above ground can they be uprooted." Two years later, after Mao's death and the end of the radical "gang of four," a large amount of debate was permitted, especially in the form of wall posters. This recalled the "hundred flowers" phrase, but Chinese leaders did not learn their lesson.

In American political usage the phrase is employed—usually ironically—in descriptions of public agreements by Administrations. This is often referred to

FIRST 100 DAYS: INITIATIVES CATEGORIZED BY ADMINISTRATION

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REAGAN

REGULATION Est'd Presidential Task Force on Regulatory Relief

MANAGING GOV'T Federal Hiring Freeze

NATURAL RESOURCES Decontrol of oil

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Meets with freed hostages

URBAN/SOCIAL Int'l Year of Disabled Persons

BUDGET/TAX "Program for economic recover" -- address to Congress

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Issues statement on missing & murdered children in Atlanta

CANADA Goes to Canada

NAT'L SECURITY Statement on stockpile of strategic & critical material

BUDGET/TAX Issues budget rescissions and deferrals

URBAN/SOCIAL Statement on Westway

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Attempted assassination and President's recovery

MANAGING GOV'T Presidential Advisory Committee on Federalism

SPACE Inaugural flight of Space Shuttle, President addresses crew

PARDONS Pardons W. Mark Felt and Edward S. Miller

AG Issues Memorandum on agricultural sales to the U.S.S.R.

FOREIGN LEADERS Met with Prime Minister Seaga of Jamaica, President Chun Doo Hwan of R.O.K., Prime Minister Thatcher of Britain, President-designate Viola of Argentina

CARTER

PARDONS Pardons Vietnam draft dodgers

NATURAL RESOURCES Natural gas legislation

NATURAL RESOURCES Gasoline decontrol

NAT'L SECURITY Secretary of State goes to Middle East

NATURAL RESOURCES Appoints Elliot Richardson as Ambassador to
Law of the Sea Conference

NATURAL RESOURCES Signs Emergency Natural Gas Act of 1977;
telegrams Governors on natural gas emergency;
terminates natural gas emergency

White House Conference for the Business Community

NATURAL RESOURCES Announce formation of Alliance To Save Energy

MANAGING GOV'T Memorandum on zero-based budgeting

URBAN/SOCIAL Executive Order creating President's
Commission on Mental Health

AG International fishery agreements with EEC, Japan, R.O.K.,
Spain, Canada

REGULATION Communication to Congress on reduced Federal
regulation of the domestic commercial airline
industry

NATURAL RESOURCES Invitation to the public to assist in the
formulation of a national energy policy;
issuance of National Energy Program --
address joint session of Congress; Address
to nation

NAT'L SECURITY Presidential commission for Americans Missing
and Lost in Southeast Asia

NATURAL RESOURCES Communications to Congress on oil pollution
of the oceans

NATURAL RESOURCES Review of water resource projects

ETHICS Election reform legislation

NAT'L SECURITY Report on the status of Indochina refugees

NAT'L SECURITY Vance meets with Soviet leaders

CANADA U.S.-Canadian pipeline agreement

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Drought relief bill

URBAN/SOCIAL Consumer protection legislation

MANAGING GOV'T Reorganization Act of 1977

URBAN/SOCIAL Memorandum on Minority Bank Deposit Program

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Vance to Cyprus, Cyprus conflict

BUDGET/TAX Withdrawal of \$50 rebate and business tax credit
 form the economic stimulus package

HEALTH Health care legislation

NAT'L SECURITY Nuclear non-proliferation policy proposals

ETHICS Ethics in government legislation

FOREIGN LEADERS Met with President Lopez-Portillo of Mexico,
 Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada, Prime
 Minister Callaghan of Britain, Prime Minister
 Rabin of Israel, Prime Minister Fukuda of
 Japan, President Sadat of Egypt, Abd al-Halim
 Khaddam of Syria, King Hussein of Jordan

NIXON

URBAN/SOCIAL Council for Urban Affairs

NATIONAL SECURITY Message to Congress on Nuclear
Nonproliferation Treaty

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Disaster assistance for Mississippi

BUDGET/TAX Executive Order on inspection of tax returns

NATURAL RESOURCES Statement on coastal oil pollution and
offshore drilling; formation of panel to
study oil spillage problems

MANAGING GOV'T Establishment of Office of Intergovernmental
Relations

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Announces disaster relief to
California

LABOR Emergency board to investigate dispute between certain
railroads and signalmen

SPACE Statement on Apollo 9 launching

NAT'L SECURITY Statement on Ballistic Missile Defense System

MANAGING GOV'T Manpower Administration reorganization

URBAN/SOCIAL Plans for Progress Advisory Council,
increased job opportunities for minorities

NAT'L SECURITY Address and Proclamation on the 20th
Anniversary of NATO

NAT'L SECURITY Statement on appointment of an Advisory
Commission on an All-Volunteer Armed Force

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Statement on campus disorders

MANAGING GOV'T Statement on Restructuring of Government
service systems

MANAGING GOV'T Executive Order on Federal executive salary
schedule

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC	Delivers eulogy during the funeral of Eisenhower
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URBAN/SOCIAL Establishes Office of Child Development

URBAN/SOCIAL Statement on Rehabilitation of riot-damaged areas

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Announcement of disaster relief for
Minnesota, North Dakota, and South
Dakota

BUDGET/TAX Message to Congress on tax reform

URBAN/SOCIAL Appoints Special Assistant for Consumer Affairs

URBAN/SOCIAL Message to Congress on recommendation for Program
On Hunger In America

FOREIGN LEADERS	Meets with Prime Minister Gorton of Australia; travels to Europe (Belgium, England, Germany, Italy, France, Vatican); meets with Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada, King Hussein of Jordan
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JOHNSON

NAT'L SECURITY Special Message to Congress on foreign aid

CANADA Remarks with Prime Minister Pearson upon signing U.S.-
Canada Auto Pact

URBAN/SOCIAL Establishes President's Council on Equal
Opportunity

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Statement ordering withdrawal of
American dependents from South
Vietnam

MANAGING GOV'T Message to Congress on Home Rule for District
of Columbia

LABOR Statement on the Longshoremen's strike

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Statement on the attack on the U.S.
Embassy in Moscow

URBAN/SOCIAL Letter to Pres. of Senate and Speaker of the House
on stepping up the War On Poverty

URBAN/SOCIAL Statement on Nation's First Neighborhood Youth
Corps Project

URBAN/SOCIAL Special Message to Congress on the Nation's Cities

URBAN/SOCIAL Signs the Appalachia Bill

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Statement on the situation in
Selma, Alabama; telegram to the
Governor of Alabama

URBAN/SOCIAL Proposes legislation to eliminate barriers to the
right to vote

SPACE Flight of Gemini 3; conversation with astronauts;
Presidential statement

MANAGING GOV'T Transmits Reorganization Plan I of 1965 to
Congress

MANAGING GOV'T Establishes a Formal Cost Reduction Program

NAT'L SECURITY Statement on Vietnam

URBAN/SOCIAL Special Message to Congress on Area and Regional
Economic Development

HEALTH Meets with Congressional leaders to discuss Medical
Care legislation

AG Statement on Food For Peace Program

URBAN/SOCIAL Statement on Federal employment of mentally-
retarded persons

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Statement on bombing of U.S.
Embassy in Saigon

HEALTH Appoints Committee To Review the Closing of Veterans
Hospitals

 Enactment and signing of Elementary and Secondary Education
Bill

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Inspection of disaster areas in the
Midwest

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Statement announcing availability
of the Neighborhood Youth Corps for
assistance in disaster areas

NAT'L SECURITY Statement: "Tragedy, Disappointment, and
Progress" in Vietnam

URBAN/SOCIAL Statement upon signing bill authorizing increased
funds for vocational training of American Indians

LABOR Signs Manpower Act of 1965

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Orders troops to the Dominican
Republic; various statements, TV
addresses

BUDGET/TAX Signs second Supplemental Appropriations Act

URBAN/SOCIAL Statement on approving a Program To Find Summer
Jobs for Young People

Statement on Report of the CEA on steel prices

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC Remarks to Committee Members on
need for additional appropriations
for military needs in Vietnam and
the Dominican Republic; Statement
to Congress on same

BUDGET/TAX Announcement of plans to reduce excise taxes

FOREIGN LEADERS Meets with Prime Minister Sato of Japan,
President Yameogo of Upper Volta, Prime
Minister Pearson of Canada, Prime Minister
Moro of Italy

KENNEDY

URBAN/SOCIAL Letter to President of the Senate and Speaker of
the House urging enactment of a Distressed Area
Redevelopment Bill

Special Message to Congress on Gold and The Balance of
Payments Deficit

URBAN/SOCIAL Transmits a Minimum Wage Bill to Congress

HEALTH Special Message to the Congress on Health and Hospital
Care

MANAGING GOV'T Proposes creation of additional Federal
judgeships

HEALTH Transmits bill To Provide Health Insurance For The Aged

NAT'L SECURITY Signs Mutual Defense Agreement with the West
Indies

Urges Governors to speed up public works

AG Transmits to Congress Special Program for Feed Grains

LABOR Establishes President's Advisory Committee on Labor-
Management Policy

MANAGING GOV'T Abolishes Operations Coordinating Board

Transmits bill To Amend the Social Security Act

URBAN/SOCIAL Transmits Distressed Area Redevelopment bill

Special Message to Congress on Education

LABOR Statement following settlement of the Airway Labor
Dispute

HEALTH Transmits bills implementing the Message on Health and
Hospital Care

Special Message to the Congress on Federal Highway Program;
Letter to Congress on Interstate Highway System

Signs order establishing the Peace Corps

BUDGET/TAX Proposes exempting foreign central banks from
 income tax on interest on government securities

URBAN/SOCIAL/LABOR Establishes President's Committee on Equal
 Employment Opportunity

NAT'L SECURITY Letter to President of Senate, Speaker of
 House on a More Flexible Approach to Economic
 Assistance for Eastern Europe

URBAN/SOCIAL Special Message to Congress on Housing and
 Community Development

NAT'L SECURITY Statement on Conference on the Discontinuance
 of Nuclear Weapon Tests

AG Special Message to the Congress on Agriculture

AG Signs bill providing for an Emergency Feed Grain Program;
 statement on same

NAT'L SECURITY Special message to the Congress on Foreign
 Aid

LABOR Signs Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act

NAT'L SECURITY Statement on Inter-American Development Bank

URBAN/SOCIAL Transmits Housing and Urban Development Bill

Message regarding success of first phase of Project Mohole

AG Transmits Farm Bill

NAT'L SECURITY Message to Chairman Khrushchev concerning the
 meaning of events in Cuba

BUDGET/TAX Special Message to Congress on taxation

MANAGING GOV'T Special Message to Congress transmitting
Reorganization Plan I of 1961

MANAGING GOV'T Special Message to Congress transmitting
Reorganization Plan II of 1961

ETHICS Special Message to the Congress on Conflict-of-Interest
Legislation and on Problems of Ethics in Government

URBAN/SOCIAL Signs the Area Redevelopment Act

Letter to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the
House On Compensation Rates for Veterans Injured in the Service

Announces Program of Assistance to the Textile Industry

MANAGING GOV'T Special Message to Congress transmitting
Reorganization Plan III of 1961

LABOR Transmits bill to Provide For An Additional Assistant
Secretary of Labor

URBAN/SOCIAL Meets with Conference of Appalachian Governors

MANAGING GOV'T Special Message to Congress transmitting
Reorganization Plan IV of 1961

URBAN/SOCIAL Letter to House Speaker on Measure To Combat
Juvenile Delinquency

Transmits bill implementing 23rd Amendment

CANADA Visits Canada

FOREIGN LEADERS Met with Prime Minister Diefenbaker of
Canada, Prime Minister Menzies of Australia,
President Nkrumah of Ghana, Prime Minister
Caramanlis of Greece, President Sukarno of
Indonesia, President Bourguiba of Tunisia,
Walter Hallstein -- President of the EEC

FIRST 100 DAYS: INITIATIVES OF RECENT ADMINISTRATIONS
CATEGORIZED BY ISSUE

The following shows the significant and characteristic actions of the five most recent Presidents during their first 100 days in office. The Ford Administration is excluded because of the circumstances in which he took office. The LBJ first 100 days after his election are included, however, despite his having already been in office.

The actions are in categorized by general issue area. A separate section shows the actions categorized by Administration.

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This categorization reveals certain similarities between Administrations:

- o Almost all of the Administrations had to deal with some form of domestic or foreign exigency in the first 100 days, whether an oil spill, drought, or foreign crisis.
- o Many had labor disputes or initiated labor-related policies. In the case of the labor disputes, all involved some form of transportation workers in some way.
- o Urban and social initiatives predominate, although this is a broad category, including minority-related legislation, welfare issues, helping the less fortunate (e.g., the disabled, the mentally-retarded), and initiatives specifically aimed at the inner cities.
- o Two narrower items re-occur: issues involving Canada, perhaps because it is often the first country President's visit -- and space. The latter item involves events, e.g. launches, that would have happened anyway, but are included below on the theory that each Administration must have believed space to be worthy for at least symbolic reasons.
- o The category of "Managing Government," includes mainly restructuring of government organization. Restructuring is ubiquitous, especially under Carter's and Kennedy's first 100 days.
- o "Natural Resources" initiatives, which includes energy and environment issues, turn up in the later Administrations. The Carter Administration had to deal with energy issues. Nixon had to deal with environmental issues.

AGRICULTURE

REAGAN

Issues Memorandum on agricultural sales to the U.S.S.R.

CARTER

International fishery agreements with EEC, Japan, R.O.K., Spain, Canada

JOHNSON

Statement on Food For Peace Program

KENNEDY

Transmits to Congress Special Program for Feed Grains

Special Message to the Congress on Agriculture

Signs bill providing for an Emergency Feed Grain Program;
statement on same

Transmits Farm Bill

BUDGET/TAX

REAGAN

"Program for economic recover" -- address to Congress

Issues budget rescissions and deferrals

CARTER

Withdrawal of \$50 rebate and business tax credit from the economic stimulus package

NIXON

Executive Order on inspection of tax returns

Message to Congress on tax reform

JOHNSON

Signs second Supplemental Appropriations Act

Announcement of plans to reduce excise taxes

KENNEDY

Proposes exempting foreign central banks from income tax on interest on government securities

Special Message to Congress on taxation

CANADA

REAGAN

Goes to Canada

CARTER

U.S.-Canadian pipeline agreement

JOHNSON

Remarks with Prime Minister Pearson upon signing U.S.-Canada Auto Pact

KENNEDY

Visits Canada

CRISES - FOREIGN & DOMESTIC

REAGAN

Meets with freed hostages

Issues statement on missing & murdered children in Atlanta

Attempted assassination and President's recovery

CARTER

Drought relief bill

Vance to Cyprus, Cyprus conflict

NIXON

Disaster assistance for Mississippi

Announces disaster relief to California

Statement on campus disorders

Delivers eulogy during the funeral of Eisenhower

Announcement of disaster relief for Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota

JOHNSON

Statement ordering withdrawal of American dependents from South Vietnam

Statement on the attack on the U.S. Embassy in Moscow

Statement on bombing of U.S. Embassy in Saigon

Statement on the situation in Selma, Alabama; telegram to the Governor of Alabama

Inspection of disaster areas in the Midwest

Statement announcing availability of the Neighborhood Youth Corps for assistance in disaster areas

Orders troops to the Dominican Republic; various statements, TV addresses

Remarks to Committee Members on need for additional appropriations for military needs in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic; Statement to Congress on same

ETHICS

CARTER

Election reform legislation

Ethics in government legislation

KENNEDY

Special Message to the Congress on Conflict-of-Interest
Legislation and on Problems of Ethics in Government

FOREIGN LEADERS

REAGAN

Met with Prime Minister Seaga of Jamaica, President Chun Doo Hwan of R.O.K., Prime Minister Thatcher of Britain, President-designate Viola of Argentina

CARTER

Met with President Lopez-Portillo of Mexico, Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada, Prime Minister Callaghan of Britain, Prime Minister Rabin of Israel, Prime Minister Fukuda of Japan, President Sadat of Egypt, Abd al-Halim Khaddam of Syria, King Hussein of Jordan

NIXON

Met with Prime Minister Gorton of Australia; travels to Europe (Belgium, England, Germany, Italy, France, Vatican); meets with Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada, King Hussein of Jordan

JOHNSON

Met with Prime Minister Sato of Japan, President Yameogo of Upper Volta, Prime Minister Pearson of Canada, Prime Minister Moro of Italy

KENNEDY

Met with Prime Minister Diefenbaker of Canada, Prime Minister Menzies of Australia, President Nkrumah of Ghana, Prime Minister Caramanlis of Greece, President Sukarno of Indonesia, President Bourguiba of Tunisia, Walter Hallstein -- President of the EEC

HEALTH

CARTER

Health care legislation

JOHNSON

Meets with Congressional leaders to discuss Medical Care legislation

Appoints Committee To Review the Closing of Veterans Hospitals

KENNEDY

Special Message to the Congress on Health and Hospital Care

Transmits bill To Provide Health Insurance For The Aged

Transmits bills implementing the Message on Health and Hospital Care

LABOR

NIXON

Emergency board to investigate dispute between certain railroads and signalmen

JOHNSON

Statement on the Longshoremen's strike

Signs Manpower Act of 1965

KENNEDY

Establishes President's Advisory Committee on Labor-Management Policy

Statement following settlement of the Airway Labor Dispute

Signs Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act

Transmits bill to Provide For An Additional Assistant Secretary of Labor

MANAGING GOVERNMENT

REAGAN

Federal Hiring Freeze

Presidential Advisory Committee on Federalism

CARTER

Memorandum on zero-based budgeting

Reorganization Act of 1977

Establishment of Office of Intergovernmental Relations

NIXON

Manpower Administration reorganization

Statement on Restructuring of Government service systems

Executive Order on Federal executive salary schedule

JOHNSON

Message to Congress on Home Rule for District of Columbia

Transmits Reorganization Plan I of 1965 to Congress

Establishes a Formal Cost Reduction Program

KENNEDY

Proposes creation of additional Federal judgeships

Abolishes Operations Coordinating Board

Special Message to Congress transmitting Reorganization Plan I of 1961

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Special Message to Congress transmitting Reorganization Plan IV of 1961

NATURAL RESOURCES

REAGAN

Decontrol of oil

CARTER

Natural gas legislation

Gasoline decontrol

Appoints Elliot Richardson as Ambassador to Law of the Sea Conference

Signs Emergency Natural Gas Act of 1977; telegrams Governors on natural gas emergency; terminates natural gas emergency

Announce formation of Alliance To Save Energy

Invitation to the public to assist in the formulation of a national energy policy; issuance of National Energy Program -- address joint session of Congress; Address to nation

Communications to Congress on oil pollution of the oceans

Review of water resource projects

NIXON

Statement on coastal oil pollution and offshore drilling; formation of panel to study oil spillage problems

NATIONAL SECURITY

REAGAN

Statement on stockpile of strategic & critical material

CARTER

Secretary of State goes to Middle East

Presidential commission for Americans Missing and Lost in Southeast Asia

Report on the status of Indochina refugees

Vance meets with Soviet leaders

Nuclear non-proliferation policy proposals

NIXON

Message to Congress on Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty

Statement on Ballistic Missile Defense System

Address and Proclamation on the 20th Anniversary of NATO

Statement on appointment of an Advisory Commission on an All-Volunteer Armed Force

JOHNSON

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Consumer protection legislation

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NIXON

Council for Urban Affairs

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Statement on Federal employment of mentally-retarded persons

Statement upon signing bill authorizing increased funds for vocational training of American Indians

Statement on approving a Program To Find Summer Jobs for Young People

KENNEDY

Letter to President of the Senate and Speaker of the House urging enactment of a Distressed Area Redevelopment Bill

Transmits a Minimum Wage Bill to Congress

Transmits Distressed Area Redevelopment bill

Establishes President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity

Special Message to Congress on Housing and Community Development

Transmits Housing and Urban Development Bill

Signs the Area Redevelopment Act

Meets with Conference of Appalachian Governors

Letter to House Speaker on Measure To Combat Juvenile Delinquency

MISCELLANEOUS

CARTER

White House Conference for the Business Community

JOHNSON

Statement on Report of the CEA on steel prices

KENNEDY

Special Message to Congress on Gold and The Balance of Payments Deficit

Urges Governors to speed up public works

Special Message to the Congress on Federal Highway Program;
Letter to Congress on Interstate Highway System

Signs order establishing the Peace Corps

Message regarding success of first phase of Project Mohole

Letter to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House On
Compensation Rates for Veterans Injured in the Service

Announces Program of Assistance to the Textile Industry

Transmits bill implementing 23rd Amendment

Transmits bill To Amend the Social Security Act